

## **John Paine – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745**

John Paine (1660-1731) was the son of early Eastham settler Thomas Paine (1612-1706). In 1689 John Paine married Bennet Freeman (1671-1714). Bennet Paine and two of her sons with John have gravestones in Eastham Cove Burying Ground. In 1720 John Paine married Alice Mayo (1684-1748). Both have gravestones in Orleans Cemetery. John Paine had thirteen children with his two wives.

Deacon John Paine was a prominent citizen in Eastham. He succeeded his brother, Thomas, as town clerk in 1701 and he held that position until 1730. Also he was town treasurer for many years and he served several years as selectman and as representative to the General Court.

1689

Granted to John Paine three-quarters of an acre near the back side of his dwelling house near the highway. Bounds were indicated by marked oak trees. PDF A216.

1699

Granted to John Paine less than an acre of land west of his dwelling house for a barn and a hay yard. PDF A264.

John Paine was granted the liberty to exchange with the Town a piece of land on the west end of where he lived for a piece on the north side of where he lived. PDF A264.

Granted to John Paine one-third acre between land for his barn and the highway. PDF A264.

Granted to John Paine one-third acre on the southerly side of his orchard. PDF A264.

1703

Granted to John Paine about three acres of meadow on Pochet Flats near Sampson's Island. Bounds were indicated by stakes in the ground. PDF A269.

Granted to John Paine, Barnabas Wixam and William Smith about four and one-half acres at Pochet High Meadow. Bounds were indicated by stakes in the ground. PDF A276.

1706

John Paine exchanged his twenty acres on Sampsons Island for five other parcels of land. Acreage of the parcels is calculated from the pole dimensions given in the records. Bounds of the parcels were indicated by stones in the ground. The first parcel was about five acres near Mill Pond and near the house of Edmond Freeman. The second parcel was about one and one-quarter acres near the house of Nathaniel Mayo and next to land of John Paine. The third parcel was about one-half acre next to his orchard near Paine's house. The fourth parcel was about two acres next to his land next to the Cedar Swamp. The fifth parcel was about four acres near Cedar Pond and on the west side of other John Paine land. PDF A283, A284.

1711

Granted to John Paine and his heirs four acres next to the lot of Thomas Mayo and next to the cartway. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T10.

Granted to John Paine and his heirs three and one-half acres between the Cedar swamp and the highway and at the north end of Sheep Pond. PDF T11.

Granted to John Paine and his heirs three parcels of upland. The first parcel was about two and one-half acres next to his other land at Sheep Pond. The second parcel was about one and one-half acres at Pochet between his other land and land of Nathaniel Mayo. The third parcel was about one acre on the south side of his orchard which was near his house. PDF T63.

Granted to John Paine and his heirs a wood lot near the house of Samuel Doane and northeast of the wood lot of Deacon Daniel Doane. The pole dimensions indicate the wood lot was about six and one-half acres. PDF T63.

Granted to John Paine, Timothy Cole Jr., Joseph Atwood, James Rogers, Robert Young and Israel Cole one of twenty-four lots granted on Great Island at Billingsgate. The pole dimensions indicate the lot was about seven and one-half acres. PDF T86, T87.

#### 1715

Granted to John Paine and his heirs seven small parcels of land. Acreage of the parcels is calculated from the pole dimensions given in the records. The first parcel was about one and one-half acres near his house and barn. The second parcel was about one and three-quarters acres at the west end of his house lot. The third parcel was about one-half acre on the south side of his house lot. The fourth parcel was about one and one-half acres at the northeast corner of his house lot. The fifth parcel was about two and one-half acres north of his orchard which was near his house lot. The sixth parcel was about four acres southwest of his orchard. The seventh parcel was about two and one-half acres adjoining his house lot. PDF T212, T209.

Granted to John Paine and his heirs two wood lot parcels. The first parcel was about two acres near his house lot and on the west side of the way that went to Nicholas Paine's mill. (Nicholas was his brother). The other parcel was about two acres near the east end of Cedar Pond and near the house of Thomas Rich. PDF T274.

#### 1716

John Paine paid two pounds and five shillings to agents of the proprietors for three parcels of land. The first parcel was about one-half acre adjoining the west end of his house property. The second parcel was about one-half acre near the house of John Paine Jr. near the Cedar Swamp. The third parcel was about one-half acre at Rock Harbor meadow next to other fenced land of John Paine and near a pond. PDF T310.

John Paine paid five shillings to agents of the proprietors for a parcel of upland at a place commonly called John Bangs Point on the south side of the Great Meadow adjoining land of John Knowles. Bounds were indicated by stones in the ground. Acreage or dimensions were not given. PDF T313.

The Eastham land owned by John Paine described in these records amounts to about sixty acres. By 1745 fifteen more Paines not counting his father, Thomas, received Eastham land grants.